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Case 7132-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Mark D. ROBINSON : Group Art Unit: 3671
Serial No.: 10/724,777 : Examiner: K. Pechhold
Filed: December 2, 2003 :
For: METHOD OF CONVERTING :
EXISTING NEGATIVE PRESSURE :
TANK ACCESS WAYS :

E L E C T I O N

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated April 14, 2004, Applicant elects claims 19-22 and 27-30 without traverse. It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Although Applicant has elected claims 19-22 and 27-30 without traverse, Applicant believes that there will necessarily be overlapping search areas, and it would not be an undo burden on the Examiner to search the two inventions at the same time.

Examiner Pechhold is requested to consider the December 2, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement and the references cited therein.

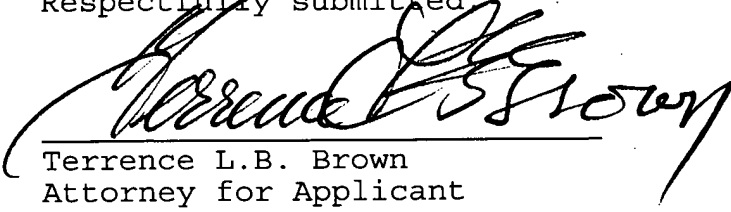
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Should any outstanding formal matters or other issues remain, Examiner Pechhold is requested to telephone Terrence Brown at 703-684-5600 to resolve such.

Respectfully submitted

Date:

May 14, 2004


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